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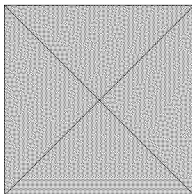
Methyl bromide is not banned. It is still allowed to be produced, but it is only

authorized for certain agricultural applications. It is not authorized for application in residential properties. VIDPNR should have the authority to quarantine any remaining stock that the applicator has in storage. We will contact them today and request that they do so. We will also ask them to conduct an inspection and copy any records that indicate the dates and locations of any other applications.

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**To:** Mosher, Eric

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Hi Eric,

I spoke just now with Eric Schaaf of ORC, who had just spoken with Judith Enck.

ORC will be working with us and DECA (for Pesticides) as we think through a number of questions. These include:

- Is methyl bromide banned, as we believe?
- Was it legal for the applicator to use old stockpiles of a banned pesticide?
- In any case, the pesticide was most likely applied in a manner inconsistent with instructions on the label, which would be a FIFRA violation.
- What are our Superfund authorities for this kind of contamination?
- Can EPA seize the remaining stockpile of the pesticide? Can we get the customer list from the applicator? Are other properties suspect? If the applicator is, as reported, associated with Terminex, has that company been notified?

Etc.

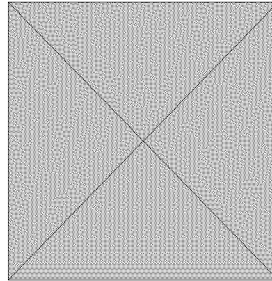
I'm copying a number of other folks including of course OSC Geoff Garrison who is responding to the incident.

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## **EOC Spot Report: Region 2, Chemical Exposure, Coral Bay, St. John, USVI.**

**US Environmental Protection Agency**

**Report as of:** 16:30 EDT, March 22, 2015

**Overview:** On 03/20 at approximately 1640 EDT, R2 was notified of a potential chemical substance exposure that occurred in St. John, USVI.

A family of four was staying at La Sirena Villa, in Coral Bay, St. John when they started showing neurological symptoms of chemical exposure. On 3/20 their symptoms worsened to the point they required medical care at the in the St. Thomas Hospital where at least two members of the family were hospitalized.

USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) informed the R2 Duty Officer that DPNR has been in contact with the exterminator for the condominium and the exterminator confirmed that methyl bromide was applied to the condominium unit in question.

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** Virgin Island Government officials, ATSDR, DPNR and the local hospital are coordinating on this incident.

**EPA Actions:** A R2 deployed to St. John on 03/21 to assist DPNR in the investigation of the incident. On 03/22 the EPA EOC was notified that ERT personnel with contractors and R2 START will deploy to St. John to assist with the response.

**Media Interest: None**

**The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.**

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